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US Priests still under House Arrest in
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1. " The first news in three years was received from our Prefecture of Kienow, Fukien. . . . Living in St Albert's church compound are Fr Dominic Chang, Fr Joseph Chang, four Sisters, the catechist - Chen (Hsueh-wen) and his family, plus five mission helpers. Each morning they arise at 2 or 3 AM to begin the work of making bean-curd and noodles; they work hard and long hours. The daily Masses are said early in the morning. Fr Tsu (Pen-hua), formerly secretary to Foreigner Curran, is still in jail; his son is a seminarian. Mr Sheng (Hichi) is living in Kienyang; he asked his seminary son to send 'old clothing or any possible assistance.' We are unable to send packages into China. The letters from Kienow and Kienyang portray a life of hardship for the people there.
2. "Fathers Gordon, Joyce, and Hyde are still under strict house-arrest in Focchow. No direct communications, although I hear indirectly that they are well. . . ."

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